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1. SUMMARY: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA HEARD 12
ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS IN PLENARY AT ITS AFTERNOON
MEETING APRIL 17: GUINEA, MONGOLIA, YEMEN, BAHRAIN,
PORTUGAL, CHINA, MOZAMBIQUE, FIJI, IRAQ, ARGENTINA,
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND KUWAIT. PORTUGAL AND ARGENTINA
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SUPPORTED THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE, WHILE TRINIDAD
THOUGHT IT DESERVED CAREFUL STUDY. WALVIS BAY AGAIN
FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN THE DEBATE. THE MEETING CLOSED
WITH A POLEMICAL EXCHANGE OF RIGHTS OF REPLY BETWEEN
THE USSR AND CHINA. END SUMMARY.

2. GUINEA (DIALLO) ASSERTED THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S

ACCEPTANCE OF INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA WAS SURROUNDED WITH CONDITIONS THAT STRIPPED IT OF MEANING. DIALLO SAID THAT THE UN MUST UPHOLD CHARTER PRINCIPLES AND ENFORCE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS. HE URGED ALL MEMBER STATES TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM: RECOGNITION OF SWAPO AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, TOTAL INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA, RESPECT FOR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF NAMIBIA--WITH WALVIS BAY AN INTEGRAL PART, WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS, FREE RETURN TO ALL NAMIBIANS TO THEIR COUNTRY, FREE ELECTIONS UNDER UNITED NATIONS CONTROL, AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

3. MONGOLIA (PUNTSAGNOROV) SCORED THE "RACIST REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA" FOR CONTINUING ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA AND EVEN EXTENDING APARTHEID TO THAT COUNTRY. PUNTSAGNOROV ASSERTED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE UN TAKE STEPS TO PUT AN END TO PRETORIA'S EFFORTS TO ANNEX WALVIS BAY. HE HELD CERTAIN WESTERN, ESPECIALLY NATO POWERS, RESPONSIBLE FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTINUED ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA AND TERMED THE WESTERN POWERS AND THEIR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS ACCOMPLICES OF THE "RACIST REGIME". HE CLAIMED THAT THE US HAD INVESTED \$1.5 BILLION IN SOUTH AFRICA, 40 PERCENT OF ALL US INVESTMENT IN AFRICA. HE URGED STEPS TO PREVENT SOUTH AFRICA FROM OBTAINING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND SUPPORTED

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SC RESOLUTIONS 325 AND 380 AND SWAPO AS THE SOLE AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. HE CONCLUDED BY EMPHASIZING THAT THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT MUST BE SUPPORTED AND THAT CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER MUST BE INVOKED; HE SAID THAT THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA WOULD HELP FURTHER AND DEEPEN DETENTE.

4. AMB AL-HADDAD OF YEMEN (SANA) COMPLAINED THAT "CERTAIN POWERS" WITH INTIMATE CONNECTIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND CAPABILITY TO EXERT PRESSURE ON IT WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUED SOUTH AFRICAN OPPRESSION IN NAMIBIA. STRESSING NAMIBIA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, INCLUDING WALVIS BAY, AL-HADDAD ACCUSED SOUTH AFRICA OF TRYING TO DIVIDE NAMIBIA INTO TRIBAL ENTITIES. HE WELCOMED EFFORTS TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, BUT HE BELIEVED ANY NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE BASED ON SC RESOLUTIONS. AL-HADDAD CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES--INCLUDING POLICE FORCES--FROM NAMIBIA, GUARANTEE OF SWAPO'S ROLE, AND FREE ELECTIONS AMONG ALL NATIONAL FORCES.

5. BAHRAIN (AL-SAFFAR) ACCUSED THE VORSTER REGIME OF

IMPOSING A POLICY OF TERROR ON NAMIBIA BY SETTING
TRIBES AGAINST EACH OTHER THROUGH THE FORMATION OF
TRIBAL ARMED UNITS. AL-SAFFAR FOUND REINFORCEMENT OF
THE "ARMY OF OCCUPATION" AND DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS INCONSISTENT WITH AN ALLEGED WILLINGNESS BY
SOUTH AFRICA TO WITHDRAW FROM NAMIBIA. HE ARGUED THAT
THE "ANNEXATION" OF WALVIS BAY WAS "AN OBSTACLE TO ANY
PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION". HE
SUPPORTED ANY "PEACEFUL AND SERIOUS INITIATIVES" AIMED
AT PUTTING AN END TO THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA,
PROVIDED THAT THESE MEET THE WILL AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE
NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, REPRESENTED BY ITS "SOLE AND AUTHENTIC
REPRESENTATIVE, SWAPO". AL-SAFFAR REJECTED ANY "SO-
CALLED INTERNAL SETTLEMENT". HE WAS "NOT VERY
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THAT A SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND "IF SOUTH AFRICA SHOWED A SINCERE DESIRE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION". OTHERWISE THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO ARMED STRUGGLE.

6. PORTUGAL (PEREIRA) REGARDED SC RESOLUTION 385 AS THE ESSENTIAL FRAMEWORK FOR NAMIBIA'S TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE. PEREIRA SAID HIS GOVT UNDERSTOOD AND SUPPORTED THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE WHICH HE NOTED AIMED AT A PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE PEOPLE, THE LONG-DEMANDED WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATIVE AND MILITARY PERSONNEL, AND THE HOLDING UNCLASSIFIED

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OF FREE AND DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS UNDER UN SUPERVISION AND CONTROL. PEREIRA ENCOURAGED ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS, ESPECIALLY SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA, TO SHOW THE UTMOST GOODWILL AND FLEXIBILITY. HE DID NOT WISH TO TAKE A FORMAL POSITION ON SOUTH AFRICA'S REACTION TO THE WESTERN PROPOSAL BUT CALLED IT A "STEP FORWARD IN THE PAINFUL PROCESS OF NARROWING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED".

7. CHINA (CHEN-CHU) CALLED THE STRUGGLE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE THIRD WORLD AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, AND SUPER-POWER HEGEMONISM". CHEN-CHU DECLARED THAT THE VORSTER REGIME WAS CONTINUING "TO PLAY THE TRICKS OF PEACE TALKS" IN AN ATTEMPT TO LULL THE FIGHTING WILL OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND DECEIVE WORLD OPINION. HE CLAIMED THAT THE VORSTER REGIME WANTED TO ANNEX WALVIS BAY, AN "INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA", AND WAS TRYING TO PEDDLE A SO-CALLED INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE A "SHAM INDEPENDENCE". CHEN-CHU SAID THAT THE CURRENT FAVORABLE SITUATION EMERGING IN NAMIBIA WAS THE RESULT OF THE PROTRACTED ARMED STRUGGLE CARRIED OUT BY THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. HE ACCUSED ONE SUPERPOWER OF ACTING IN COORDINATION WITH THE VORSTER REGIME TO STAMP OUT THE "REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE" OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND PRESERVE ITS VESTED INTERESTS IN THE REGION. THE OTHER SUPERPOWER, "WHICH FLAUNTS THE BANNER OF SOCIALISM", WAS CARRYING OUT INFILTRATION AND EXPANSION IN AFRICA WITH AN EYE TO STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT POSITIONS AND RICH NATURAL RESOURCES AND WAS TRYING TO CONTROL THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AS PART OF ITS CONTEST FOR WORLD HEGEMONY WITH THE OTHER SUPER-

POWER. HE REFERRED TO RECENT LARGE-SCALE MILITARY
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INTERVENTION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, QUOTING CHAIRMAN HUA
THAT "AFRICA BELONGS TO THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA". HE
CALLED FOR EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO END COLONIAL DOMINATION
AND RACIAL OPPRESSION IN NAMIBIA, AND SUPPORTED MANDATORY
ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

8. MOZAMBIQUE'S MINISTER OF STATE JOSE MONTEIRO CLAIMED
THAT WALVIS BAY IS HISTORICALLY, CULTURALLY, ETHNICALLY,
GEOGRAPHICALLY, AND ECONOMICALLY AN INTEGRAL PART OF
NAMIBIA. HE CITED SOUTH AFRICA AS THE ONLY STATE TO BE
REPEATEDLY CONDEMNED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR ITS
ACTIONS AGAINST NEIGHBORING STATES. IN SUPPORTING THE
LUSAKA DECLARATION, HE ADVISED THE UN TO SEND A LARGE
MILITARY FORCE TO NAMIBIA TO GUARANTEE THE FREEDOM OF THE
ELECTORAL PROCESS.

9. AMB VUNIBO (FIJI) TOOK NOTE OF THE WESTERN FIVE PRO-
POSAL AND SUPPORTED THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE
FOR NAMIBIA AT AN EARLY DATE. HE ADVOCATED FULL UN
INVOLVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TRANSITION TO
INDEPENDENCE.

10. AMB AL-SAHHAH OF IRAQ SEVERELY CRITICIZED SOUTH
AFRICA AND CALLED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER VII
SANCTIONS. HE SUPPORTED THE DRAFT DECLARATION SUB-
MITTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA.

11. AMB ROS OF ARGENTINA EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE
WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL AND RECOMMENDED THE ACCEPTANCE
OF THE PROPOSAL BY SOUTH AFRICA. HE REGRETTED THAT THE
PROPOSAL DID NOT ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF WALVIS BAY.

12. AMB ABDULLAH OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO STATED THAT THE
WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL REQUIRED CAREFUL STUDY AND
ANALYSIS, PARTICULARLY, WITH REFERENCE TO THE ROLE OF
THE UN FORCES. THE OMISSION OF WALVIS BAY FROM THE
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PROPOSAL CAUSED HIS DELEGATION SERIOUS MISGIVINGS.

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13. AMB BISHARA OF KUWAIT ASSERTED THAT WALVIS BAY IS
PART AND PARCEL OF NAMIBIA. AFTER REVIEWING THE DEBATE
THAT HAD PRECEDED HIS SPEECH, HE CALLED FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH
AFRICA, INCLUDING AN OIL EMBARGO.

14. THE AFTERNOON CONCLUDED WITH A SERIES OF RIGHTS
OF REPLY IN WHICH THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA CASTI-
GATED EACH OTHER. THE HARANGUE WAS ALMOST TOTALLY
UNRELATED TO THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA. CHINA HAD THE
LAST WORD AND SEEMED TO WIN THIS ROUND THROUGH US OF A
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